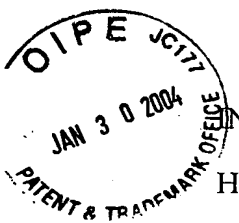


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Responsive to the Official Action of December 19, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 12 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION** Under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above-identified application.

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☐ Additional documents filed herewith: -none-

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